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PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING ISOTROPIC

NONWOVENS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated FEBRUARY 19, 2004, Applicant respectfully responds as follows:

REMARKS

The Patent Examiner has required a restriction to one of the following two (2) inventions:

- Group I. Claims 1-9, drawn to a method of forming a nonwoven, classified in class 156, subclass 166.
- Group II. Claims 10-17, drawn to an apparatus for forming a nonwoven, classified in class 156, subclass 443.